

## BRIDGE ACROSS ROCK RIVER, ROCKFORD, ILL.

JANUARY 7, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. DENISON, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9827]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9827) granting the consent of Congress to the county of Winnebago, the town of Rockford, and the city of Rockford, in said county, in the State of Illinois, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Rock River, having considered the same, report thereon with amendment and as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

Amend the bill as follows:

Line 3, page 1, after "That the," strike out the balance of the line and insert in lieu thereof "times for commencing and completing the."

Line 4, page 1, strike out the line and insert "construction of a bridge authorized by act of Congress."

Line 5, page 1, strike out the line and insert "approved January 31, 1923, to be built by the county of."

Line 6, page 1, strike out the line and insert "Winnebago, the town of Rockford, and the city of Rockford."

Line 7, page 1, strike out the line and insert "in the State of Illinois, across the Rock River."

Line 8, page 1, strike out "tion" at the beginning of the line.

Line 11, page 1, after the word "Illinois," strike out the balance of the line and insert "are hereby extended one and three years."

Line 1, page 2, strike out the line and insert "respectively, from the date of approval hereof."

Line 2, page 2, strike out the line.

Amend the title so as to read: "To extend the time for the construction of a bridge across the Rock River in the State of Illinois."

WAR DEPARTMENT, December 9, 1924.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

The accompanying bill, H. R. 9827, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, "Granting the consent of Congress to the county of Winnebago, the town of Rockford, and the city of Rockford, in said county, in the State of Illinois, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Rock River," is in the usual form adopted by Congress for such measures. It is understood, however, that the bridge referred to in this bill is the same as that authorized by the act of Congress approved January 31, 1923, Public No. 400, Sixty-seventh Congress. The time for commencing the construction of the bridge, as implied by section 6 of the general bridge act of March 23, 1906, expired January 31, 1924. For the purposes of identification of authorities and simplification of record, it is preferable to extend the time limits of the existing act rather than to enact another bill authorizing the same bridge.

The bill herewith has been amended accordingly, and as thus amended I know of no objection to its favorable consideration.

JOHN W. WEEKS,  
Secretary of War.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, December 10, 1924.

HON. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,  
Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,  
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 2, inclosing a copy of H. R. 9827 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the county of Winnebago, the town of Rockford, and the city of Rockford, in said county, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches across the Rock River on the extension of Auburn Street in the said city of Rockford, and in section 13, T. 44 N., R. 1 E. of the third principal meridian, in the said county of Winnebago. This department is advised that the proposed bridge will be operated free from tolls. It, therefore, would suggest favorable action by your committee.

Sincerely,

C. V. MARVIN, Acting Secretary.

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